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1. Turda is a district town with a population of 35,000, of whom about 30 per cent are Hungarians, a small number are Germans, and the remainder Rumanians. The town was developed after World War II, when existing industrial plants were extended and new factories were erected.

2. Following are the main streets (former names unknown):

- a. Strada Garii.
- b. Piata Andrei Saguna.
- c. Strada Libertatii.
- d. Bulevardul Republicii.
- e. Piata Mihai Viteazul.
- f. Strada Mihai Viteazul.
- g. Strada Dr. Ion Ratiu.
- h. Strada Traian.
- i. Calea Armatei Rosii.
- j. Strada Republicii.
- k. Strada Gheorghe Baritiu.
- l. Strada Eminescu.
- m. Strada Nicolae Iorga.

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n. Strada Axente Sever.

3. Following are details of the public institutions:

- a. The district council is located in the former Prefectura building, opposite a small park in which there is a statue. This building also houses the district committee of the Communist youth organization.
- b. The town council is located on the second floor of a two-story building (formerly the Primaria), at the beginning and on the left side of Piata Mihai Viteazul, coming from Bulevardul Republicii. The income tax department is located on the same floor and the ground floor is occupied by the post and telegraph offices.
- c. The Securitate is located in an approximately 15 by 10 meter, single-story former private house, on the right side of Strada Dr. Ion Ratiu, coming from the direction of the railway station.
- d. The militia occupies a 25 by 20 meter, one-story building next to the town council, on the left side of Piata Mihai Viteazul, coming from the direction of Bulevardul Republicii.
- e. The court and public prosecutor's office are located in the one-story building in Piata Mihai Viteazul, which they occupied prior to World War II. There is a prison in the courtyard.
- f. The telephone exchange is located on the left side of Bulevardul Republicii close to a small bridge.
- g. The buildings surrounding the market, which is located between Piata Mihai Viteazul and Strada Axente Sever, include the cooperative shops' marketing agency, the district offices of the provincial cooperative shops' organization, and the weights and measures department.
- h. The town and district Party committees are located in a 30 by 25 meter, one-story building on the right side of Piata Mihai Viteazul, coming from the direction of Bulevardul Republicii.
- i. The town Communist youth committee occupies a small, one-story building opposite the cathedral, on the left side of Bulevardul Republicii.

4. Following are details of theaters and cinemas:

- a. The state theater occupies a former cinema building in Piata Mihai Viteazul, on the corner of the road leading to the public baths. The building has been renovated and the auditorium, which contains 400 seats, was enlarged. There are three or four shows weekly.
- b. The Maxim Gorki cinema, which was constructed in 1947 and contains about 300 seats, is located on the other side of the road leading to the public baths, opposite the state theater.
- c. The Pacea cinema, which contains 250-300 seats, occupies a former gymnasium in a side street off Strada Dr. Ion Ratiu.
- d. Another cinema is located in the outskirts of the town in the direction of Cluj.
- e. An open air cinema is located in Piata Mihai Viteazul, between the town and district Party committee building and the state theater. The "Nicolae Balcescu" cultural center and the editorial offices of the "Turda Noua",

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the local Party newspaper, are located in the same building.

5. Following are details of military objectives:

- a. In 1952-1953, a concrete underground shelter, fitted so that it can be lived in for long periods (water and electricity supply, accumulators for use in the event of electricity failure, ventilation and air conditioning, etc.) was constructed in the Orthodox Cathedral gardens. The shelter cannot be easily seen because it is covered with lawns and flowers.
- b. The officers' club is located in a single-story, former private house in Strada Dr. Ion Ratiu opposite the Securitate.
- c. There are officers' living quarters opposite the state bank in Strada Republicii.
- d. The military commissariat is in a single-story building in Strada Axente Sever opposite the IRTA bus terminal.
- e. A tank regiment is stationed in approximately five barracks which are located on the right side of Calea Armatei Rosii, coming from the direction of Aiud and on the left side of the road leading to Mihai Viteazul and Cimpeni.
- f. An air force reconnaissance unit is stationed at the barracks which are located behind the quarters of the tank regiment in Calea Armatei Rosii.
- g. A small military landing ground, comprising two or three hangars, and a dirt runway with about 20 reconnaissance aircraft, is located on the opposite side of Calea Armatei Rosii, south of the above barracks.
- h. A motorized artillery unit is also stationed in Calea Armatei Rosii, behind the air force barracks.
- i. A motorized infantry unit is stationed in two barracks immediately after the above artillery unit.
- j. The fire brigade occupies a building which is located behind the courthouse. A new fire station is under construction on the left side of the road leading to Campia-Turzii.

6. Following are details of the medical institutions:

- a. The state hospital occupies two buildings, facing each other, in Strada Mihai Viteazul:
 - 1) A two-story building containing a gynaecological, a maternity and a surgical ward, and an X-ray department.
 - 2) A two-story building comprising a contagious diseases ward on the ground floor, and an internal diseases ward on the second floor.
- b. A children's hospital is housed in a small two-story building behind the above state hospital.
- c. A T.B. hospital is located on the left side of a street which runs parallel to Traian and Dr. Ion Ratiu Streets, coming from the direction of Piata Andrei Saguna.
- d. A blood bank and the department for the prevention of epidemics are located on the left side of Strada Libertatii, coming from the direction of the railway station.

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- e. The adults' and children's dispensary which includes a T.B. hospital occupies a new three-story building which was constructed after World War II.
- 7. Following are details of banks:
 - a. The state bank is located on the ground floor of the building which formerly housed the National Bank in Strada Republicii. The investment and agricultural banks are located on the second story of the same building.
 - b. The savings bank occupies two former shops on the right side of Piata Mihai Viteazul.
- 8. Following are details of secondary and technical schools:
 - a. The co-educational secondary school No. 1 occupies a large three-story building which was formerly the Traian boys school.
 - b. The No. 2 secondary school for girls is located on the left side of Strada Dr. Ion Ratiu, going in the direction of the town center.
 - c. The technical school of the chemical plant, is located on the left side of Strada Dr. Ion Ratiu, coming from the direction of Piata Andrei Saguna.
 - d. The technical school of the "Electro Ceramica" factory, occupies a large three-story building at the end of Strada Mihai Viteazul, on the left side of the road coming from the town center.
 - e. The technical school of the cement plant is located on the left side of the road which runs behind the district council.
 - f. The technical school of the glass factory is located on the left side of the road leading to Campia-Turzii next to approximately five workers' houses which each contain one to four flats and were built after World War II.
- 9. Following are details of industrial plants:
 - a. The "Silica" factory, which produces silicate bricks, is located opposite the tank regiment barracks in Calea Armatei Rosii. The factory was to have been constructed immediately after World War II, but although it was partially operating in 1950, the construction work was still in progress. Its equipment was brought from East Germany, Czechoslovakia and the USSR and it employs 300 workers in three shifts.
 - b. The "Proletarul" factory, which is located on the left side of Calea Armatei Rosii coming from the town center, produces refractory materials, including fire bricks, and employs approximately 200 workers.
 - c. The chemical plant, formerly the Solvay factory, is also located in Calea Armatei Rosii behind the "Proletarul" factory. This plant, which produces for the army, employs approximately 1,500 workers in three shifts.
 - d. The "Electro-Ceramica" plant, a former porcelain factory, produces high tension insulators and employs 400-500 workers in three shifts.
 - e. A glass factory, which employs between 2,500-2,800 workers in three shifts and produces medical appliances such as jars, glasses, etc., is located between the Campia Turzii railway line and Calea Armatei Rosii.
 - f. The cement factory, which was extensively enlarged, today employs approximately 4,000 workers in three shifts. In 1957-1958, a narrow-gauge railway track was

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laid between the quarries and the factory in order to bring the raw materials directly to the plant. For this purpose a new concrete bridge was constructed at a distance of 400-500 meters from the old bridge over the River Aries. In addition to the above, a standard-gauge track was laid from the quarries to the railway station in order to avoid the necessity of transferring raw material intended for the factories at Resita and Hunedoara, from the small to standard-gauge trains. The above plants use the stone in producing refractory materials.

- g. The "Hora Closca Si Crisan" pitch paper factory is located between the Silica plant and the Campia Turzii - Turda railway line. It employs approximately 150 workers in two or three shifts.
 - h. A small sausage factory is located immediately after the old bridge over the River Aries, in Strada Libertatii.
 - i. There are the following two natural gas transformer stations for stepping down gas pressure:
 - 1) Next to the chemical plant.
 - 2) Opposite the Electro Ceramica factory.
 - j. The brewery was dismantled and transferred to Cluj. Only the bottling department remained in Turda.
10. Following are details of hotels:
- a. State Hotel No. 1 occupies a three-story corner building, which was constructed after World War II next to the court house in Strada Mihai Viteazul. On the ground floor there is an Espresso bar and the municipal baths, on the second story are some 15-20 hotel rooms.
 - b. A new hotel and restaurant were constructed approximately one kilometer from the public baths at the outskirts of the town.
11. Following are details of public transport:
- a. The IRTA bus terminus is located on the left side of Strada Axente Sever coming from the direction of the market.
 - b. Following are the three bus routes:
 - 1) Turda Noua - Strada Mihai Viteazul - Piata Mihai Viteazul - Bulevardul Republicii - Strada Republicii - Strada Libertatii - Strada Garii - Campia Turzii.
 - 2) Piata Mihai Viteazul - passes along the street by the court house - Strada Dr. Ion Ratiu - Strada Libertatii - Strada Garii - Campia Turzii.
 - 3) Turda Noua - Strada Mihai Viteazul - Piata Mihai Viteazul - Bulevardul Republicii - Strada Republicii - Calea Armatei Rosii - and to the barracks. This route is occasionally extended to Mihai Viteazul village.
 - c. Following are inter-urban bus routes:
 - 1) Turda - Cluj.
 - 2) Sibiu - Turda - Cluj and back.

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3) Turda - Ludus - Tirgu-Mures and back.

4) Turda - Cimpeni - Abrud and back.

12. In 1957, a large jet aircraft landing field was begun at Turda-Calarasi, on the right side of the road coming from Aiud, approximately four kilometers from Campia Turzii. Construction still continued on the field in late 1958.

13. Some personalities in Turda are as follows:

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- a. Inocan (fnu): [redacted] First Secretary of the Turda Communist Party since 1957. [redacted]
- b. Inocan, Gheorghe: [redacted] Director of the glass factory since 1958 [redacted]
- c. Popa, Gheorghe: [redacted] He was president of the town council until 1953 [redacted]
- d. Satmarean (fnu): [redacted] He was Second Secretary of the town Party committee until 1958, [redacted]
- e. Pop, Vasile: [redacted] He is Chairman of the town council since 1956. [redacted]
- f. Racz, captain (fnu): [redacted] He is Commander of the local Securitate [redacted]
- g. Chisu, Locotenent Major Vasile: [redacted] Second-in-command of the Securitate [redacted]
- h. Kulcsar, Locotenent Major (fnu): [redacted] A Securitate officer [redacted]
- i. Debreczin, captain (fnu): [redacted] Commander of the local militia [redacted]

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j. Albon, Constantin:

no information is available concerning his present whereabouts.

k. Timofteiu, Locotenent (fmu): Director of the militia economic department

l. Costea, Sublocotenent (fmu): Deputy director of the militia economic department.

m. Pop, (fmu): Chief district prosecutor since 1956.

n. Dobocan (fmu): Investigating prosecutor for economic offenses since 1956

o. Svila, Captain Bebe: Second-in-command (political) of the tank regiment since 1952.

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LEGEND TO TOWN PLAN OF TURDA

1. Strada Garii.
2. Piata Andrei Saguna.
3. River Aries.
4. Park.
5. Calea Armatei Rosii.
6. Strada Libertatii.
7. Strada Republicii.
8. Bulevardul Republicii.
9. Piata Mihai Viteazul.
10. Strada Mihai Viteazul.
11. Strada Dr. Ion Ratiu.
12. Strada Traian.
13. Strada Gheorghe Baritiu.
14. Strada Eminescu.
15. Strada Nicolae Iorga.
16. Strada Axente Sever.
17. Railway station.
18. Railway warehouse.
19. Workers' living accommodation and glass factory.technical school.
20. Fire station (under construction).
21. Station for transferring freight from narrow to standard-gauge trains.
22. "Hora Closca Si Crisan" cardboard factory.
23. "Silica" plant.
24. Glass factory.
25. Airfield.

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26. Motorized infantry barracks.
27. Motorized artillery barracks.
28. Tank regiment barracks.
29. Air force barracks.
30. Chemical plant.
31. Natural gas transformer station.
32. "Proletarul" factory.
33. Natural gas transformer station.
34. "Electro-Ceramica" factory.
35. Cement plant.
36. New narrow-gauge railway bridge over the River Aries connecting the cement plant with the quarries.
37. Sausage factory.
- ✓ 38. Blood bank.
39. Children's and adults' dispensary.
40. Chemical plant technical school.
41. Officers' club.
42. Securitate offices.
43. Pacea cinema.
44. Girls' secondary school No. 2.
45. District council and the district Party committee.
46. Cement plant technical school.
47. To the slaughter house.
48. State bank.
49. Officers' living quarters.
- ✓ 50. Underground shelter.

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51. Town Communist youth committee.
52. Telephone exchange.
53. Town council, income tax offices, post and telegraph offices.
54. Militia offices.
55. State Hotel No. 1.
56. Courthouse, public prosecutors' office and prison.
57. Fire brigade.
58. Town and district Party committees.
59. Savings bank (CEC).
60. Market.
61. IRTA bus station.
62. Military commissariat.
63. To the cemetery.
64. Nicolae Balcescu cultural center, editorial offices of "Turda Noua", open-air cinema.
65. State theater.
66. To the public baths.
67. Maxim Gorki cinema.
68. TB hospital.
69. Synagogue.
70. Co-educational secondary school (formerly "Traian").
71. Children's hospital.
72. State hospital (surgical, gynaecological, maternity wards and X-ray department).
73. State Hospital (Internal and contagious diseases ward).
74. "Electro-Ceramica" technical school.

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75. Town bakery.
76. To Cluj.
77. To the quarters.
78. To Mihai Viteazul, Cimpeni and Abrud.
79. To Aiud.
80. To Campia Turzii.

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